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Summary

Introduction

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The Commonwealth Electoral Division Profiles provide a statistical overview for each electorate in Australia. These reflect the changes to electoral division boundaries since 2016 by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).

To understand more about these changes, see **Boundary changes since 2016**.

ELECTORAL PROFILES

PDFs can be found on the **Electoral Profiles** page or in the **Downloads** tab.

They include information on:

- estimated resident population counts
- age groups
- family structure
- household tenure
- median household income
- median household rental payment
- median household mortgage payments
- cultural diversity
- engagement in education and/or work
- occupation
- educational qualifications.

A profile for every electorate is available in the relevant state or territory link.

INTERACTIVE MAP

An interactive map showcasing some of the data from the profiles can be found on the **Interactive Map** page.

DATA SOURCES

Population and age groups

Estimated resident population (ERP) is the official estimate of the Australian population, which links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. The estimated resident population and age group data are as of 30 June 2017. This data can be found in Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2016-17 (cat. no. 3218.0).

Person, family and household characteristics

Characteristics of persons, families and households are from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. These are expressed as percentages of the Census population and are not directly comparable to the ERP counts. They are intended as an indicator of the size of a group in an electorate.

Geographic boundaries

The ABS approximates the Australian Electoral Commission's (AEC's) electoral boundaries using the Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS) boundaries for Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1). More information can be found in our Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS): Vol 3 - Non-ABS structures, July 2018 (cat. no. 1270.0.55.003) publication.

You can see the differences between ABS' 2016 and the most recent commonwealth electoral boundaries on ABS Maps.

Exact electoral boundaries can be found on the AEC's website at [Maps and spatial data](#).

FIND MY ELECTORATE

Use the Find my electorate tool at the AEC's website.

Electoral Profiles

DISCOVER YOUR COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION

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One-page information summaries have been created for every electorate in Australia. The list of topics in these profiles and their data sources are on the [Introduction](#) page.

Comparisons to Australia are included in each profile to provide context for the information.

The data in these profiles are also available as a downloadable Excel spreadsheet in the [Downloads](#) tab.

STATE OR TERRITORY ELECTORAL PROFILES

Summaries for each electorate have been bundled into their state or territory link below. You can search for your electorate once you've opened the PDF file for your state or territory.

New South Wales
Victoria
Queensland
South Australia
Western Australia
Tasmania
Northern Territory
Australian Capital Territory

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Interactive Map

DISCOVER YOUR COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION - INTERACTIVE MAP



This map uses data from the 2016 Census of Population & Housing and the 2017 Estimated Resident Population.

HOW TO USE

- **Navigating topics:** maps can be selected via the drop-down menu (mobile devices) or the tabs (larger screens).
- **Search:** the  icon opens the search function. It is set to look for electorate names only by default. If "All" is selected in the search dropdown menu , other locations such as addresses, suburbs and postcodes can be searched.
- **Data:** On each map, an electorate can be selected to view the underlying data. Data for all electorates can be found in the **Download** section of this publication.
- If the maps do not load successfully, please try refreshing this page.

MORE INFORMATION

- Boundaries are based on the ASGS Commonwealth Electoral Divisions (CED), an ABS approximation of Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) electoral divisions. For information on the electoral boundaries, including digital boundary files, refer to the ABS publication 1270.0.55.003 - Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume 3 - Non ABS Structures, July 2018.
- Detailed data information is available in the **Explanatory Notes**.

Changes in boundaries since 2016

CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES SINCE 2016

The boundaries for commonwealth electoral divisions have changed since the 2016 federal election. The most recent boundary redistributions by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) were:

- the 2017 redistribution of the Northern Territory and Tasmania, and
- the 2018 redistribution of Queensland, Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia.

A detailed explanation and report of federal electoral boundary redistributions can be found on the Australian Electoral Commission website.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES BETWEEN 2016-2018

The Commonwealth Electoral Divisions developed by the ABS are an approximation of the AEC electoral divisions, using one or more Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1) in the Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS).

There were 56 electoral divisions affected by boundary change between 2016 and 2018.

Compared to 2016:

- there are 151 electoral divisions rather than 150 divisions
- there are 2 new electoral divisions, specifically Fraser in Victoria and Bean in the Australian Capital Territory
- 1 electoral division has been dissolved, specifically Port Adelaide in South Australia
- 6 existing electoral divisions have been renamed

About this Release

The Commonwealth Electoral Division Profiles provide a statistical overview for each of the 2019 Commonwealth Electoral Divisions.

Each profile provides information on population, housing, family and person characteristics from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing and 2017 Estimated Resident Population.

History of Changes

This document was added or updated on 05/04/2019.

5 April 2019: Release of an interactive map showcasing select data from the 2019 Commonwealth Electoral Division Profiles.

1 March 2019: Release of the 2019 Commonwealth Electoral Division Profiles. These provide a statistical overview in PDF format for each of the 2019 Commonwealth Electoral Divisions, and have been updated from the 2016 format.

3 May 2016: Release of the 2016 Commonwealth Electoral Division Profiles. These provide a statistical overview in PDF format for each of the 2016 Commonwealth Electoral Divisions.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This product update to 2016 contains data profiles for the 2018 Commonwealth Electoral Division boundaries. These profiles are based on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing and June 2017 Estimated Resident Population (ERP).

For more information about Census data items see Census Dictionary, 2016 (cat. no. 2901.0). For more information about population statistics from ERP, see Australian Demographic Statistics, Jun 2018 (cat. no. 3101.0) and Population FAQs.

GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

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For further information on the ABS and geospatial data see the Geography page.

Commonwealth Electoral Divisions in Other Territories

Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands are included in the electoral division of Lingiari (NT).

Jervis Bay Territory is included in the electoral division of Fenner (ACT).

Lord Howe Island is included in the electoral division of Sydney (NSW).

Norfolk Island is included in the electoral division of Bean (ACT).

Changes to Commonwealth Electoral Division boundaries since 2016

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- the 2018 redistribution of Queensland, Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia.

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION DATA ITEMS

Population and age groups

Population counts and age group data are sourced from 2017 Estimated Resident Population (ERP) data.

Estimated resident population (ERP) is the official estimate of the Australian population, which links people to a place of usual residence within Australia. The estimated resident population and age group data are as of 30 June 2017. This data can be found in Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2016-17 (cat. no. 3218.0).

For more information on the differences between ERP and Census counts, see the ABS' Population FAQs.

CENSUS DATA ITEMS

Proportional information on person, family and household characteristics is sourced from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing.

Families

The sum of the percentages for family composition in the table may not total 100% because the table does not include the category 'Other families'. Data is for families in occupied private dwellings only. Family data are based on Place of Enumeration.

For more information, see Family Composition (FMCF) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

Housing

The sum of the percentages for tenure type in the table may not total 100% because the table does not include the categories 'Other tenure type' (e.g. dwellings occupied under a life tenure scheme) and 'Tenure type not stated'. Data is for occupied private dwellings only. Household data are based on Place of Enumeration.

Median household income, median rent and median mortgage are calculated for occupied private dwellings only. Data is based on Place of Enumeration.

For more information, see Tenure type (TEND), Total Household Income (weekly) (HIND), Mortgage Repayments (monthly) Dollar Values (MRED), Rent (weekly) Dollar Values (RNTD) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

This includes all people who identified themselves as being of Aboriginal origin, or Torres Strait Islander origin, or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin. Overseas visitors are excluded. Data for persons are based on Place of Usual Residence.

For more information, see Indigenous Status (INGP) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

Born overseas

Overseas visitors are excluded as they are not usual residents of Australia. The 'Not stated' responses are included in the calculation of percentages. Data for persons are based on Place of Usual Residence.

For more information, see Country of Birth of Person (BPLP) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

Recent migrants

'Recent migrants' refer to residents of Australia who arrived from overseas from 2006 up to the 2016 Census. Overseas visitors are excluded. The 'Not stated' responses are included

in the calculation of percentages. Data for persons are based on Place of Usual Residence.

For more information, see Year of Arrival in Australia (ranges) (YARRP) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

Language other than English spoken at home

Overseas visitors are excluded as they are not usual residents of Australia. The 'Not stated' responses are included in the calculation of percentages. Data for persons are based on Place of Usual Residence.

For more information, see Language Spoken at Home (ranges) (LANP) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

Engagement

Data is listed for 18-64 year olds only. The sum of the percentages in the table may not total 100% because the table does not include the category 'Engagement status undetermined/Not stated'. Data is based on Place of Usual Residence.

For more information, see Engagement in Employment, Education and Training (EETP) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

Occupation

Occupation data has been provided at the 1-digit level. The sum of the percentages in the table may not total 100% because the table does not include the Occupation categories 'Inadequately described' and 'Not stated'. Data for persons are based on Place of Usual Residence.

For more information, see Occupation (ranges) (OCCP) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

Education

'Year 12 or equivalent completion for 20 to 24 year olds' is based on the Highest Year of School Completed.

'Certificate III or higher' is for all people aged 15 and over. 'Certificate III or higher' includes Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Postgraduate Degree level qualifications. It is based on the Level of Highest Educational Attainment.

Data is based on Place of Usual Residence.

For more information, see Highest Year of School Completed (HSCP) or Level of Highest Educational Attainment (HEAP) in the Census Dictionary (cat. no. 2901.0).

FURTHER STATISTICS

Geographic recodes for 2018 Commonwealth Electoral Division boundaries have been created for use in Census TableBuilder. Further statistics for the electorates can be obtained using the 2018 Commonwealth Electoral Division custom geography files for TableBuilder Pro available in 1270.0.55.003 - Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS): Volume

For more information on using custom geography files, see the Custom Data section of the TableBuilder User Guide.

ABS Information Consultancy may be able to customise Census data unique to your needs, including using the most recent electorate boundaries. More information on Customised Data Services can be found on the relevant web page or by calling ABS' Information Centre on 1300 135 070.

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